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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION -- AFRICA

1. A BORBA COMMENTARY JUNE 4, ENTITLED "PLAYING THE COP IN AFRICA," INTERPRETS RECENT EVENTS IN ZAIRE: "THE MILITARY INTERVENTION BY FRANCE AND BELGIUM, WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE AMERICANS, IN SHABA PROVINCE OF ZAIRE REPRESENTS AN EXTRAORDINARILY COMPLICATED AND DANGEROUS PHASE IN THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA, ABOVE ALL, IN THE INCOMPLETE BATTLE FOR INDEPENDENCE OF ALL PEOPLE ON THIS YOUNGEST CONTINENT IN THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS....."

2. THE TRAGEDY OF "OPERATION KOLWEZI" IS NOT THE INNOCENT VICTIMS, EUROPEAN OR AFRICAN, BUT IN THE RETURN OF THE SPECTRE OF THE CLASSICAL METHOD OF COLONIALISM IN VERY DANGEROUS DIMENSIONS WHICH PRACTICALLY DESTROYS ALL THE SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS OF LIBERATED AFRICA AND WHICH THREATENS WORLD PEACE ITSELF. IT'S NOT ONLY A MATTER OF THE REVIVAL OF THE NEOCOLONIAL MENTALITY, WHICH NEVER DIED OUT COMPLETELY, BUT OF AN ORGANIZED PLOT AND ACTION....

3. THE SO-CALLED "PAN-AFRICAN FORCES,-- THE IDEA, THEY SAY, OF THE FRENCH WITH THE BLESSING OF THE AMERICANS, AND IN THE  
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FRAMEWORK AND WITH RATIFICATION OF THE ATLANTIC PACT--- ARE INTENDED TO PLAY THE PLICEMAN'S ROLE IN PROTECTING THE MINES AND OTHER POSSESSIONS OF BIG CAPITAL? AND AT THE SAME TIME TO PROTECT REGIMES WHICH ARE COMMITTED TO COOPERATE WITH FOREIGN INTERESTS. SUCH A ROLE OF THE "PAN-AFRICAN FORCES" (IN WHICH THE AFRICANS WILL BE THE MINORITY) WILL CAUSE THEM TO INTERVENE AGAINST THOSE SYSTEMS AND COUNTRIES WHICH ARE

DETERMINED TO RETAIN THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND TO UTILIZE THEIR NATURAL WEALTH THEMSELVES. THEY ARE ALSO INTENDED TO BE ALLIES OF THE RASCIST REGIMES OF SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA, WHICH MORE AND MORE ASPIRE, WITH THE HELP OF WORLD CAPITAL, TO BE BOTH THE EMPLOYER AND THE WARDEN OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLE.

4. THE TOP LEADERS OF NATO, WERE NOT ABLE TO AGREE ON THE PROPOSAL THAT THIS ACTION BE PUT UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THAT PACT, BECAUSE OF THE POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS WHICH THAT WOULD AUSE IN SOME COUNTRIES, OR IN WORLD RELATIONS. THAT'S WHY THEY CHOSE AN INDIRECT ROUTE--THROUGH A MEETING OF SOME COUNTRIES I PARIS AND BRUSSELS--TO TALK ABOUT ASSURING THE SECURITY OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS OF THE WEST IN AFRICA. IN THIS WAY THEY AVOID THE DELICATE QUESTION OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE "PAN-AFRICAN FORCES" WHERE THE MAIN WORD WOULD BE PRONOUNCED BY THE EUROPEAN AND AMERICANS. NO KIND OF BEATING AROUND THE BUSH, HOWEVER, CAN REPRESSS THE ESSENCE OF THE PROBLEM-- THAT THE WEST IS ORIENTED TOWARD DIRECT INTERVENTION IN AFRICAN AFFAIRS, ESPECIALLY IN THE VITAL QUESTIONS OF AFRICAN INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY.

5. NEITHER AFRICA NOR THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CAN ALLOW THAT, BECAUSE IT IS IN DIRECT OPPOSITION TO THE PROCLAIMED OBJECTIVES OF THE UN, OAU, AND THE ENTIRE PROGRESSIVE WORLD. AFRICA IS FACING NUMEROUS INTERNAL PROBLEMS, AND CONTRADICTIONS, BUT IF THERE IS ANYTHING WHICH UNITES  
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